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Washington Aqueduct extends deadline for Draft Environmental Impact Statement public comment period to June 21

Baltimore, Md. – In response to public requests for additional time to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Water Treatment Residuals Management Project and offer comments, Washington Aqueduct has extended the deadline for interested parties through June 21, 2005.

The Water Treatment Residuals Management Project is necessitated by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued to Washington Aqueduct by EPA Region 3. Historically, the water treatment solids — the river sediment and the added coagulant — have been flushed back to the Potomac River. This permit requires that an alternate disposal method be developed. The Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement that accompanies the permit establishes a compliance schedule and interim operating conditions.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the supporting documentation detail the process Washington Aqueduct used to arrive at a recommended alternative, the construction of a dewatering facility north of Little Falls Road on the Dalecarlia Reservoir property and the use of trucks to haul the dewatered solid residuals to an appropriate land application site.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement with supporting documentation is posted on the Washington Aqueduct web site: <http://washingtonaqueduct.nab.usace.army.mil/aqueduct.htm>

The administrative record to include paper copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and supporting documentation are available in the Palisades Branch of the District of Columbia Public Library and the Little Falls Branch of the Montgomery County Public Library.

Comments can be submitted to Washington Aqueduct by mail to: Michael C. Peterson, Washington Aqueduct, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 5900 MacArthur Boulevard NW, Washington, DC 20016. Electronic comments may be submitted to michael.c.peterson@usace.army.mil or by using the project website comment form.